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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT; AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
MAJOR SWITCHING CENTERS

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 1897, (B) STATE 057669

1. DONALD KING, ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS FOR WEST AFRICA IBRD, CALLED ON DCM AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON MARCH 22. HE INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT MR. VASUDEVAN AND MR. BUTEX(REF B) WERE NOW EXAMINING ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE IF FRENCH BID WAS WITHIN QTE REASONABLE FINANCIAL ENVELOPE UNQTE IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER BIDS. IF IT WERE NOT, IBRD WOULD NOT RPT NOT FINANCE REMAINDER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE (CABLES, TRANSMISSION, AND TELETYPE BIDS). IF CONTRACT WERE ACCEPTABLE, IBRD WOULD PROCEED TO FINANCE REMAINDER OF PACKAGE, SCRUTINIZING BIDDING AND PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WITH EXTREME CARE.

2. EMBOFFS TOLD KING OF RUMORS THAT AWARD OF SWITCHING CENTERS CONTRACT TO FRENCH WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINGENT ON FRENCH FINANCING, BUT THAT FRENCH MIGHT BE UNWILLING TO FINANCE PROJECT, IF GOIC LOST ALL IBRD FINANCING ON REMAINDER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT. KING DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS, EXCEPT TO SAY HE DOUBTED THE FRENCH WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTIES FINANCING TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. HE KNEW NOTHING REGARDING BEDIE'S SIGNATURE OR LACK

OF IT ON CONTRACTS.

3. KING SAID THE IBRD WOULD COMPLETE THE EXAMINATION
OF THE DOCUMENTS BY THE END OF TE WEEK, AND WE WOULD
BE INFORMED OF RESULTS THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.
HE WAS UNRESPONSIVE TO DISCREET EMBASSY REQUEST THAT
WE BE TOLD INFORMALLY HERE AS SOON AS FINDING MADE.
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